GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6021
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2001
PROMOTION OF SHANI SHINGNAPUR AS CULTURE AND HERITAGE TOURISM CENTRE
DILIP KUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to promote `Shani Shingnapur` as culture and heritage tourism centre in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a special task force under the Director-General of tourism has been set up in this regard;

(d) if so, the recommendations made by the task force in this regard; and

(e) the reaction of the Government along with the financial assistance being provided for this purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a): Development and promotion of tourist Places/pilgrim centres is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations concerned. However, Central Department of Tourism provides central Financial assistance on the basis of projects Prioritised annually consultation with them. No proposal for promotion of Shani Shignapur has been received from the State Government of Maharashtra.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): No Task Force has been set up as far as Maharashtra is concerned.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): No proposal has been received from the Government of Maharashtra.